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Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Gary K. Michelson )

Serial No.: 09/553,573 )

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For: Artificial Hemi-Lumbar Interbody )  
Spinal Implant Having An Asymmetrical )  
Leading End And Method For )  
Installation Thereof )

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 30, 2001, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 14, 15, 18-35, 38, and 40-42 drawn to Group I, Species 1, Figures 4-9. In addition, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

Page 20, paragraph 2:

--Further, the implant of the present invention preferably includes non-arcuate opposed surface portions that are either generally parallel to one

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